

**REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

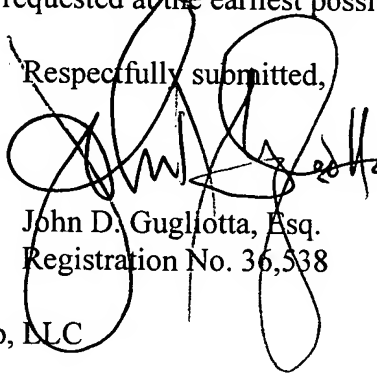
Claims 1-17 and 21-26 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claim 17 was allowed. Claims 34, 45 and 56-57 were objected to as being dependant upon a rejected base claim, but was considered allowable if rewritten in independent form. This has been done.

The remaining claims are dependant upon one of these allowed or allowable independent claims, and should therefore also be in condition for allowance.

Therefore, in view of foregoing amendments and clarifications, the applicant submits that allowance of the present application and all remaining claims, as amended, is in order and a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested at the earliest possible date.

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